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Dear Senator

I am writing to express my support for HB - 6299, a bill to establish a Connecticut false claims Act. This bill is modeled after the federal False Claims Act, a statute that has been very effective at recovering taxpayer money that would otherwise be lost to fraud or abuse. Adoption of a Connecticut statute as set forth in HB - 6299 would go a long way towards enhancing the state's ability to detect, deter and disincentivize financial corruption.

When we look at the scandals that have plagued our state in recent years, we see that government contracts often lie at the heart of the problem. So called "winners" of these contracts have overcharged, paid kickbacks and provided substandard goods or services all at the Connecticut taxpayer's expense. The ability of the Attorney General to catch such fraudsters has not kept up with the ability of the fraudsters to think up new ways of scamming the system.

Given the wonderful state of our economy, it is incumbent upon the legislature to enact measures that will prevent waster and abuse of state funded programs. HB-6299 is just such a bill. I hope that you will support this measure by voting it out of committee.

Best regards,

Harold R. Burke

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